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Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Andrew Lewis, 1872, November 22

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Flat Hill Oronoe Co. So. Cal.

Nov 22nd 1872

Andrew Lewis Esq

Dear Sir.

Circumstances ~~not under~~

my ~~control~~ have thrown me into the possession of this property on which I have come to reside. It is our interest that of yours as well as our own, that we should be good friends, and good neighbors.

I am convinced that it is your desire, as I am sure it is ours, that such should be our future relations.

Since I have moved here and very recently a cow has been shot belonging to this place, and injuries arising out of this state of affairs, are yesterday it was reported to me that a valuable yearling of almost daily occurrence. ~~Young animal was dead, having received a wound having the appearance of having been cut with a sharp instrument which caused~~ death. It would appear also that there is dispute about the line which separates your estate from Flat Hill, commencing at the river and continuing on. There is also some misunderstanding about the fences.

These differences have been pending for some years, and naturally breed ill feelings - To stop all such I take the liberty of suggesting an amicable mode of adjusting, and forever setting at rest all such questions.

1^o I propose that we call in a surveyor to run the line. Mr. Martin McE Ray is a most reliable gentleman, and competent to the ~~undertaking~~.

2^o I suggest then that the distance be divided, and each party having his just proportion of the fence to keep up in order and according to laws. One party to make the division and the other to choose: & if that should not be considered advisable that parties most interested and agreeable or acceptable to each other be chosen, to make such equitable division as circumstances demand.

By what I have written you will see that I am sincerely anxious to do my part towards removing all causes of future differences between us and I hope that you will meet

me in the same spirit.

Respectfully yours

T. J. G.